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VAN HAREN et al.

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 10/665,360

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For: MARKER STRUCTURE FOR OPTICAL ALIGNMENT OF A SUBSTRATE,
A SUBSTRATE INCLUDING SUCH A MARKER STRUCTURE, AN ALIGNMENT
METHOD FOR ALIGNING TO SUCH A MARKER STRUCTURE, AND
A LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The undersigned respectfully notes that copies of U.S. references are not required in applications filed after June 30, 2003

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

U.S. Patent No. 6297876, also cited in the Search Report, was already submitted for consideration by the Examiner on January 30, 2004.

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